



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

04/20/05
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PLACEMENTS UP 2%

For the week ending April 16, 2005, growers placed 11.6 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 2.2% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.5 million) increased 1.1% from comparable week in 2004. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.0 million, an increase of 2.3% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.9 million for the week ending April 09, 2005 compared to 10.4 million slaughtered during the same week in 2004.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
02/19/05	13,901	14,083	10,922	11,364	10,922	11,364
02/26/05	14,024	14,085	10,990	11,482	10,990	11,482
03/05/05	13,917	14,136	11,199	11,573	11,202	11,573
03/12/05	13,782	14,124	11,226	11,598	11,227	11,598
03/19/05	13,774	14,322	11,393	11,654	11,395	11,654
03/26/05	13,931	13,927	11,328	11,725	11,628	11,725
04/02/05	13,856	13,746	11,217	11,688	11,428	11,688
04/09/05	13,925	14,281	11,175	11,857	11,175	11,857
04/16/05	13,705	14,022	11,362	11,488	11,362	11,608

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	04/23/05	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	71.52	71.48	71.48	76.42
12-City Composite 2/	72.77	73.22	72.97	76.00

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.